

UMS Contributes to Sabah Sports Development and Progress

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TUESDAY, 25 JUNE – UMS through the Sports Science Programme, School of Education and Social Development (SPPS) is actively conducting programmes and activities which contribute to the development and progress of the sporting field, especially in Sabah.

An international conference on Sports Science organised by SPPS was held at the Auditorium, Postgraduate Studies UMS. The three-day conference recorded 105 participants from within and outside the country, among them are Bangladesh, Egypt, Taiwan, Thailand and the Philippines.

The Minister of Youth and Sports Sabah, Datuk Tawfiq Datuk Seri Panglima Abu Bakar Titingan when officiating the '1st UMS International Sports Science Conference' (UISSCo) 2013' at the Sabah Oriental Hotel said, the initiative of a group of Sports Science lecturers in setting up a unit with certain Sabah government agencies, would be able to increase their performance in the sports championship, especially in the forthcoming Sukan Malaysia (SUKMA).

“I am happy with the smart partnership among UMS, Sabah National Sports Council (MSN), National Sports Institute (ISN) and sports associations; Sabah’s dream of becoming champion in the coming SUKMA games is achievable,” he said.

Meanwhile, UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd Harun Abdullah said the aim of organising UISSCo acts as a platform for researchers to network and discuss their research and latest findings in the field of sports. He added that UMS is committed to contribute towards development and the progression of sports in Sabah.

“UMS hopes that with the exchange of these ideas, sports in Malaysia would continue to improve, especially in Sabah. A committee had been formed, consisting of UMS, Sabah National Sports Institute Satellite Centre, Sabah Sports Council and Sabah Sports Board to improve the performance of Sabah SUKMA athletes. UMS hopes to contribute not only in improving the achievements of athletes in Sabah, but also towards the development and the flair of sports science, in Malaysia and the whole world,” he said.

This conference would see more than 50 working papers presented by sports science practitioners, among whom are Prof. Dr. Zahari Bin Taha (Sports Technology), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd. Khairi Zawi (Biomechanic), Prof. Dr. Jeff Coombes (Physiology Exercise) and Prof. Dr. Shaharudin bin Abdul Aziz (Sports Psychology). – *FL*

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